Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN:	403-15623-2826-057	Date:	11-01-03	Time:	2327
Location:	COMPTON BL/ ATLANTIC AV.				
City or Station:	COMPTON				
Bureau/Station/Facility:	Compton Sheriff's Station	Admin. Investigation: YES ☐ NO ☒			

Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	PUZIO	AMY	
[redacted]	SHIRLEY	STEVEN	

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	RODRIGUEZ	MICHAEL	P.	SGT	YES ☒ NO ☐	YES ☐ NO ☒
					YES ☐ NO ☐	YES ☒ NO ☐

Watch Sergeant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	RODRIGUEZ	MICHAEL	P.

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	DRAKE	PAUL	

Watch Commander's Signature: [signature] Emp #: [redacted]

Copy Provided to Employee by: MICHAEL P. RODRIGUEZ Emp #: [redacted]

Supervisor Completing Form: MICHAEL P. RODRIGUEZ (Print) Emp #: [redacted]

Unit Commanders Signature: Eric K. Hamilton Emp #: [redacted] Date Signed: 1/27/04

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FO# 2107907

1 - DISKETTE
3 - TAPES
Photos

Richard 4-1-04

Original: Unit Commander
Copy: P.S.T.D.Headquarters, Employee

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Method

- (AW) Arwen
- (BC) Baton: (Control)
- (BI) Baton: (Impact)
- (BF) Bodily Fluids
- (CN) Canine
- (CR) Carotid Restraint
- (CH) Choke Hold
- (CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
- (TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
- (TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
- (CE) Chemical
- (OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
- (TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
- (EX) Explosives
- (FH) Firearm (Handgun)
- (FR) Firearm (Rifle)
- (FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
- (FO) Firearm (Other)
- (FB) Flashbang
- (FL) Flashlight
- (OE) Other Weapon: Edged
- (OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
- (OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
- (OO) Other Weapon: Other
- (PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
- (PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
- (PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
- (PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
- (PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
- (RS) Resistance
- (CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
- (RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
- (HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
- (TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
- (RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
- (SP) Sap
- (SH) Shield
- (SG) 37mm Stinger
- (SB) Sting Ball
- (ST) Stun Bag
- (TR) Taser
- (UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

- (AB) Abrasion
- (BR) Bruise
- (BU) Burn
- (CP) Complaint of Pain
- (CO) Concussion
- (DH) Death
- (DI) Dislocation
- (DB) Dog Bite
- (FR) Fractures
- (GS) Gunshot
- (HB) Human Bite
- (LC) Lacerations
- (ND) Nerve Damage
- (OD) Organ Damage
- (PA) Paralysis
- (PW) Puncture Wound
- (SD) Soft Tissue Damage
- (ST) Sprain/Twists
- (UN) Unconscious
- (RM) Refused Med Treatment
- (NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

- (AD) Abdomen
- (AK) Ankle
- (AR) Arm
- (BK) Back
- (BT) Buttocks
- (CH) Chest
- (EL) Elbow
- (FA) Face
- (FE) Feet
- (FI) Fingers
- (GE) Genitals
- (GR) Groin
- (HD) Hands
- (HE) Head
- (HI) Hip
- (IN) Internal
- (KN) Knees
- (LE) Leg
- (NK) Neck
- (NO) Nose
- (SH) Shoulder
- (WR) Wrist

FORCE APPLIED ***(Only One Code Per Block)***

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	OV	CP	NK
~~S#1~~	~~W#1~~	~~OV~~	~~CP~~	~~NK~~
S#1	E#2	PH	CP	FA
S#1	E#1	RS	NN	
S#1	E#2	RS	NN	
S#1	E#3	RS	NN	
S#1	E#4	RS	NN	
E#1	S#1	FL	AB	BK
E#2	S#1	PH	AB	FA
E#3	S#1	FL	AB	BK
E#4	S#1	OC	CP	FA
E#4	S#1	FL	AB	BK
E#5	S#1	PK	AB	CH
E#1	S#1	RH	NN	
E#2	S#1	RH	NN	
E#1	S#1	TT	LC	HE
E#2	S#1	TT	LC	HE
E#3	S#1	TT	LC	HE
E#4	S#1	TT	LC	HE

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

URN: 403-15623-2826-057

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	GOLDEN	PATRICK	

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☒ Male ☐ Female	W	COMPTON SHERIFF'S STATION	285/E

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☒ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	36	6'1	190

Medical Exam/Treatment	If Admitted, Name of Hospital	Coroner Case #	
☐	N/A	N/A	Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒

E2

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	GONZALEZ	FERNANDO	

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☒ Male ☐ Female	H	COMPTON SHERIFF'S STATION	281T6/E

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☒ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	32	5'10	210

Medical Exam/Treatment	If Admitted, Name of Hospital	Coroner Case#	
☐			Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒

E3

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	SHACKELFORD	MATTHEW	

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☒ Male ☐ Female	W	COMPTON SHERIFF'S STATION	283/E

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☒ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	37	5'10	220

Medical Exam/Treatment	If Admitted, Name of Hospital	Coroner Case#	
☐			Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒

E4

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	FERNANDEZ	MAX	

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☒ Male ☐ Female	H	COMPTON SHERIFF'S STATION	287/E

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☒ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☐ Regular Shift ☒ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	28	5'7	195

Medical Exam/Treatment	If Admitted, Name of Hospital	Coroner Case#	
☐			Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒

E5

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	RISIGLIONE	ROBERT	

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☒ Male ☐ Female	W	COMPTON SHERIFF'S STATION	287/E

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☒ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☐ Regular Shift ☒ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	31	5'9	165

Medical Exam/Treatment	If Admitted, Name of Hospital	Coroner Case#	
☐			Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☐

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Sex	Race	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)
☐ Male ☐ Female			

Shift		Age	Height	Weight
☐ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☐ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty			

Medical Exam/Treatment	If Admitted, Name of Hospital	Coroner Case#	
☐			Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☐

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

URN: 403-15623-2826-057

Suspect Information

S1

Last Name: BELTRAN		First Name: SIMON		Middle Name:		
AKA Last Name: N/A		First Name:		Middle Name:		
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female	Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]		City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]	
Work Phone: U/E	Home Phone: NONE	Age: 30	Height: 5'9"	D.O.B. 09-05-73	Weight: 160	Armed? ☐
Booking #: 7894734	Primary Charge: 664/187		Secondary Charge:		Criminal History [redacted]	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Rec'd Treatment At: CHARTER SUBURBAN HOSPITAL		Coroner Case#:		Mental History [redacted]	
Under Influence: ☒ YES ☐ NO	Substance: ALCOHOL		Photos of Suspect's Injuries ☒ YES ☐ NO			

Suspect Interview

Date:	Time:	Audiotape:	Videotape:
11-01-03	0100	☐	☒

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		
AKA Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		
Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female	Race:	Street Address:		City:	State & Zip Code:	
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.	Weight:	Armed? ☐
Booking #:	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:		Criminal History ☐	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case#:		Mental History ☐	
Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO	Substance:		Photos of Suspect's Injuries ☐ YES ☐ NO			

Suspect Interview

Date:	Time:	Audiotape:	Videotape:
		☐	☐

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		
AKA Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Name:		
Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female	Race:	Street Address:		City:	State & Zip Code:	
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.	Weight:	Armed? ☐
Booking #:	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:		Criminal History ☐	
Hospital Admission? ☐	Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case#:		Mental History ☐	
Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO	Substance:		Photos of Suspect's Injuries ☐ YES ☐ NO			

Suspect Interview

Date:	Time:	Audiotape:	Videotape:
		☐	☐

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761551N25A - SH-AD (11/90)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: November 18, 2003

FILE NO: 403-15623-2826-057

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: MICHAEL P. RODRIGUEZ, SERGEANT
COMPTON STATION

TO: ERIC K. HAMILTON, CAPTAIN
COMPTON STATION

SUBJECT: **SIGNIFICANT FORCE-IMPACT WEAPON (FLASHLIGHT); TAKEDOWN; RESISTIVE HANDCUFFING; PERSONAL WEAPONS (FEET & FIST); OC SPRAY; VEHICLE PURSUIT; DAMAGE TO COUNTY VEHICLES (SD2347, SD1650 & SD32824)**

DATE/TIME: November 1, 2003 0315 hours

LOCATION : [redacted] E. Compton Bl., Compton Ca., 90220

SUSPECT: Simon Beltran M/H 30 09/05/73
Booking # 7894734
[redacted]
Phone: None

SUSPECT WEAPON: (VEHICLE) 1986 Jaguar Sedan
Grey in color
Ca. License # [redacted]

INVOLVED DEPUTY PERSONNEL:
#1 Patrick Golden, Deputy # [redacted]
#2 Fernando Gonzalez, Deputy # [redacted]
#3 Matthew Shackelford, Deputy # [redacted]
#4 Max Fernandez, Deputy # [redacted]
#5 Robert Risiglione, Deputy # [redacted]

DEPUTY WITNESS:
Amy Puzio, Deputy # [redacted]
Steven Shirley, Deputy # [redacted]

CIVILIAN WITNESS: None

DAMAGE TO COUNTY VEHICLES (3):	Unit 285/E, County Vehicle # SD2347 Ca. License # 1040168
	Unit 287/E County Vehicle # SD1650 Ca. License # 1007834
	Unit 281A/E County Vehicle # SD32824 Ca. License # 031993

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:

On November 1, 2003, Compton Station Units, 284 (Deputy Marella [redacted] and Unit 285 (Deputies Golden & Puzio), responded to [redacted] E. Compton Boulevard., regarding a priority fight disturbance call.

Prior to arriving, Unit 285 was advised by Compton Station desk personnel, that the disturbing party (Identified as Suspect Beltran) had left the location, headed in an unknown direction.

As unit 285 arrived at the location, they observed a grey Jaguar vehicle fail to stop at the southbound stop sign on Locust Av. at Compton Bl. Their attention was further drawn to the vehicle, due to the fact that as the vehicle turned eastbound after committing the traffic violation, it nearly collided with a Ford truck that was parked along the south curb line of Compton Bl. The vehicle was unable to stay in any one lane as it swerved back and forth, between the number one and number two lanes of travel.

Not knowing at this time if the Jaguar vehicle was related to the earlier disturbance call and based on the Jaguars reckless driving and immediate threat to public safety, unit 285 pulled behind the vehicle, activated its red lights and siren and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle (Grey 1986 Jaguar, Lic [redacted] failed to stop, continued E/B on Compton Bl. and began swerving into the opposite lanes of travel (W/B), as he turned N/B onto Harris Av. As the suspect did this, several vehicles traveling in the opposite direction had to slam on their brakes to avoid colliding with the Jaguar.

Based on their observations, unit 285 continued to follow the vehicle S/B on Harris Av. and initiated a vehicle pursuit over sheriffs radio. Assisting units were requested to assist unit 285 as the vehicle traveled at least 50 MPH, N/B Harris Av., in a residential area. The vehicle failed to stop at several stop signs and nearly collided with numerous parked vehicles in the area.

The pursuit then traveled E/B on Rosecrans Av., with the same pattern of reckless driving being exhibited by the driver (Suspect Beltran). When the vehicle traveled near the intersection of E/B Rosecrans Av. and Butler Av., the vehicle made a sharp turn, again nearly colliding with parked cars and began traveling N/B on Butler Av. During this time, the suspect vehicle's speed maintained approximately 50 MPH, as the vehicle turned E/B onto McMillian St.

It should be noted that McMillian Street is divided by a cement medium that is landscaped with shrubbery. While on McMillian Street, the suspect drove with his tires on the median nearly the

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:(contd.)

entire time except for when the median broke for cross streets. The suspect drove toward Atlantic Av. and crossed the intersection without stopping for the posted stop sign or slowing his speed, exhibiting a wanton disregard for any pedestrian or cross traffic.

Unit 285 continued their pursuit of the suspect vehicle, as the vehicle traveled N/B on Minette Place to W/B Minette Place. The suspect vehicle then went S/B on Halo Drive. As the vehicle turned onto Halo Dr., Unit 287 (Deputies Fernandez and Risiglione) joined the pursuit and became the secondary unit.

The suspect vehicle turned W/B to McMillian St. to S/B Atlantic Av. Both units continued their pursuit as the vehicle headed back toward Compton Bl. As the vehicle approached Compton Bl., the suspect turned W/B at a high rate of speed and the vehicle appeared to lose control. It appeared as if the suspect over corrected his turning maneuver, causing the vehicle to spin out of control. As the vehicle spun out of control, it ended up facing E/B Compton Bl. in the number two lane of W/B travel.

Deputy Golden then stopped his patrol vehicle in the number one lane of W/B travel, approximately fifty feet from the suspect's vehicle. Believing this could be the termination of the pursuit, both Deputy Golden and Deputy Puzio, removed their seatbelts and exited their patrol vehicle.

As both deputies were exiting their vehicle, Suspect Beltran while inside his Jaguar, looked at both deputies and began to accelerate his vehicle. Fearing for their safety, they dove back into their vehicle. Suspect Beltran continued toward Unit 285 and subsequently collided with the left side of their patrol car (SD2347). Neither deputy was able to secure their seatbelts prior to the impact of the collision. The suspect vehicle then sideswiped unit 287's vehicle (SD1650), causing traffic collision damage to the front end and drivers side door panel. As the vehicles collided, Deputy Golden turned his vehicle around, now facing E/B with the Suspect vehicle facing W/B. The suspect again looked right at Unit 285's patrol vehicle (SD2347), accelerated his vehicle and struck the patrol vehicle head on. The collision met with so much force that the air bags in the patrol vehicle deployed, temporarily incapacitating the vision and movement of both deputies, and jeopardizing their immediate safety. The patrol vehicle was completely disabled at this time.

Once Deputy Golden and Deputy Puzio were able gather themselves from the impact of the collision and air bag deployment, they both exited their vehicle in an attempt to detain Suspect Beltran. Deputy Golden approached the Jaguar which was smashed up against the front end of the patrol vehicle, from the passengers side window. Deputy Puzio began yelling commands for the suspect to comply and place his hands in the air. She did this while pointing her duty weapon at the suspect. Suspect Beltran failed to comply with her lawful orders and attempted to place his vehicle in reverse as he continued to accelerate the gas pedal.

Based on the Suspects continued lack of compliance and the immediate threat of him moving the vehicle and placing them in a considerable disadvantage, Deputy Golden broke out the passenger side window, using his departmentally approved ASP in order to possibly divert the suspects attention. This met with no avail, as the suspect frantically attempted to turn the steering wheel and drive the vehicle away. Deputy Puzio was struck with a piece of glass to her left eye when the window shattered. Unit 281A (Deputy Shirley) arrived just prior to the suspect assaulting the

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:(contd.)

deputies. Based on his observations, he pulled his patrol vehicle (SD32824) directly behind the suspects vehicle and positioned his front bumper against the rear bumper of the suspect vehicle. Deputy Shirley then accelerated slightly, pinning the suspect vehicle against unit 285's vehicle, thus preventing any capability on the suspects part to further assault the deputies with the suspect vehicle. Unit 281T6 (Deputy Gonzalez) arrived to assist. When he arrived, he observed the suspect attempting to put the suspect vehicle into gear.

Deputy Gonzalez approached the drivers side window, reached inside and attempted to remove the keys from the ignition. As he reached inside to render the vehicle safe, Suspect Beltran struck him in the mouth, using his fist. Deputy Gonzalez began to pull the suspect out of the vehicle via the open driver's side window. The suspect violently struggled and was yelling out incoherently. Unable to enter the vehicle from the passenger side, Deputy Golden jumped across the hood of the vehicle in order to assist Deputy Gonzalez.

Both Deputies attempted to gain control of Suspect Beltran's hands but he continued to try to place the car into gear and turn the steering wheel. They were both giving him orders to comply, however, he refused. Because of the small amount of space in the drivers compartment, it was difficult for the deputies to get control of Suspect Beltran. Due to his continued lack of compliance, Deputy Golden struck the suspect two times, with his departmentally approved flashlight, in the right forearm/elbow area in order to get the suspect to release the steering wheel. This met with negative results. Deputy Golden then struck the suspect 3-4 times in the stomach/chest area with his flashlight. The effects of these blows seemed to have a temporary effect on the suspect as he let go of the steering wheel. Deputy Golden then was able to grab the suspects right hand. Other deputies, who had arrived to assist, were giving the suspect orders to comply. Unit 283 (Deputy Shackelford) arrived on scene and assisted by attempting to open the drivers side door, but that met with negative results.

Although Deputy Golden had minimal control of the suspect at this time, Suspect Beltran was pulling his arms back and forth and thrashing his upper body in order to break free. Deputy Golden noticed that during this time, the suspect was still accelerating the gas pedal.

Deputies Golden and Gonzalez were finally able to grab the suspects upper body and partially pull his upper torso out the open drivers side window. The suspect continued to violently struggle with the deputies and attempted to grab a hold of the door frame. Suspect Beltran seemed determined not to submit to their authority.

As the suspect continued to fight the deputies, Deputy Shackelford struck the suspect five times in the back area, using his departmentally approved flashlight. The blows had very little effect on the suspect. Deputy Fernandez then deployed his OC spray and gave the suspect a one and a half second burst of spray to the face. The OC spray seemed to have no effect on the suspect. He continued to fight by swinging his arms wildly, knocking the canister of OC spray from Deputy Fernandez's hand. Deputy Fernandez then escalated his force by striking the suspect, three times with his flashlight to the suspect's upper back and shoulders. The deputies were still unable at this time to fully extract the suspect due to his combative behavior. Deputy Fernandez then struck the suspect three more times in the rear shoulder /upper back area with his flashlight. He was then able to grab the suspect

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT:(contd.)

by the neck and chin and assist Deputy Golden, who at this time, had a hold of the suspect's right arm/shoulder, as Deputy Gonzalez pulled on his left side.

The deputies were finally able to overcome the suspect's resistance and pulled him out of the vehicle. Because the suspect was still flailing his arms and legs, the deputies lost control of the suspect and he struck the asphalt head first. The suspect initially laid face down, but still refused to comply and was still resisting as Deputy Golden and Deputy Gonzalez were attempting to handcuff him. Deputy Risiglione then gave him three quick kicks in the upper left torso. This seemed to have an effect on the suspect, as the deputies were finally able to successfully handcuff Suspect Beltran. He was taken into custody at this time.

When I arrived at the scene, I could smell smoke, which was emitting from the suspect's vehicle. I observed significant front end, traffic collision damage to both unit 285's vehicle and the suspect vehicle. I observed a large crack in the front windshield of the suspect's vehicle, which appeared as if someone inside the vehicle had been struck against it. I observed Deputy Shirley's vehicle directly behind the suspects vehicle with minor damage to the front bumper. I also observed unit 287's vehicle off to side, suffering front end and passenger side damage, consistent with being sideswiped. I observed the suspect laying face down on the ground, bleeding from the forehead and mumbling incoherently. I could also smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and person. Los Angeles County Fire Department, Engine #31, under the command of Captain Hernandez arrived shortly after and began treating the suspect for his injuries. He was subsequently transported via ambulance to the hospital for further treatment.

I saw that Deputy Gonzalez had sustained a cut lip from being struck by the suspect. He refused medical treatment at this time. Deputy's Golden and Puzio stated that they had some discomfort to their neck and back area as a result of the traffic collision and air bag deployment. They refused medical treatment at this time. Additionally Deputy Puzio experienced some discomfort to her left eye, due to being struck by the glass debris from the suspect vehicle windshield.

All uses of force notifications were made to me in a prompt an appropriate manner.

SUSPECTS' ACTIONS/ STATEMENTS:

I conducted an interview of Suspect Beltran at Charter Suburban Hospital at approximately 0100 hours. Suspect Beltran stated that previous to his encounter with the deputies, he had been involved in a fight with his [redacted] (NFD). He added that he was also slapped by his [redacted] (NFD), and as a result of that, he broke one of the windows to her vehicle (NFD. He stated that as a result of the fight with [redacted] he had injured his left eye. He added that he was extremely upset in addition to being "stupid drunk".

He stated that he did not want to go to jail and that's why he did not comply with the deputies attempts to pull him over. He admitted to observing the red lights and siren, however, he said that as he was pursued, he was determined to make it back to his [redacted] He attributed his behavior again as to being, "stupid drunk." He also admitted to drinking at least nine beers throughout the afternoon and evening. He added that he believed the pursuit distance was approximately six blocks. He denied intentionally hitting the radio cars with his

SUSPECTS' ACTIONS/ STATEMENTS:(contd.)

vehicle, but did say again that he was determined to make it back to his [redacted] He stated that he was dragged out of the vehicle by the deputies and struck numerous times with flashlights. Though he initially stated he was struck numerous times in the head with flashlights, he retracted his statement and said that he could not say for sure if his head injury was as a result of the traffic collision or when the deputies finally took him to the ground. His demeanor during the interview was calm and he appeared resigned to the fact that he had made a mistake. As the interview was concluding, the suspect told me that he just wanted a "second chance."

Based on the Suspect's statements, I formed the opinion that he was in fact the disturbing party in the original call at [redacted]

While he was being examined by the doctor, I observed several reddish abrasions to his front torso and upper back area. I also observed a two inch laceration to his head. He did not complain of pain to anywhere else. This interview was memorialized on video tape.

DEPUTIES ACTIONS/STATEMENTS:

Deputy Pat Golden
Deputy Golden's account of the incident and statements are consistent with his complaint report.

Deputy Gonzalez
Deputy Gonzalez's account of the incident and statements are consistent with his supplemental report.

Deputy Shackelford
Deputy Shackelford's account of the incident and statements are consistent with his supplemental report.

Deputy Fernandez
Deputy Fernandez's account of the incident and statements are consistent with his supplemental report.

Deputy Risiglione
Deputy Risiglione's account of the incident and statements are consistent with his supplemental report

Deputy Amy Puzio
Deputy Puzio's account of the incident and statements are consistent with her original crime report.

Deputy Shirley
Deputy Shirley's account of the incident and statements are consistent with his supplemental report

MEDICAL TREATMENT/DOCTOR'S STATEMENT:

Suspect Beltran was transported via an ambulance to Charter Suburban Hospital in the city of Paramount. He was treated by Dr. Tollette of the Emergency Room staff. He was treated for a two inch bifurcated (two sided or jagged) laceration to the left side of his head, which required five suture/staples. X rays to his neck area proved negative for any injuries. Dr. Tollete gave an OK to book. Dr. Tollette stated the injuries were consistent with those of an individual involved in a fight and striking his head against a hard surface.

SUPERVISOR ACTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS:

The Deputies acted in a very mature and controlled manner. The amount of force that was used, was well below the force actually justified, given the potential deadly the suspect employed on Deputies Golden and Puzio. Good tactics and the proper escalation of force were ultimately effective in subduing this combative and assaultive suspect. If not for the deputies swift decision making, this incident could have very well led to serious injury to both the deputies involved, and Suspect Beltran. It is my opinion that the force employed, was objectively reasonable and well within the guidelines of the Sheriff's Department use of force policy.

TRAINING ISSUES:

During the pursuit, Deputy Puzio gave an outstanding account of traffic conditions, location, speed, erratic driving behavior by the suspect, and direction of travel. There was however, a brief period on the working frequency between Unit 287 and SCC regarding who was going to "call" the pursuit. At several different times during the pursuit, SCC advised Unit 287 to assume command of "calling" the pursuit, when in fact, Unit 285 had good overall command of all communications. There were no negative consequences as a result of this however. A full debriefing with all involved parties was conducted several hours after the incident.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Force Checklist
- SH-R-438
- SH-R-49
- SH-R-49 (Original disturbance call # 403-15622-2846–053)
- Copies of Deputies Supplemental Reports (9)
- Vehicle Pursuit Evaluation Form
- SH-AD- 665 County of Los Angeles Vehicle incident report (3)
- SH-R-257 Supervisors Report Of Damage To County Vehicle (3)
- In-Service sheet for EM shift 11-01-03
- Videotape of Suspect interview (1)
- Polaroid Photos Suspect injuries & crime scene (11)
- Compact Disk containing (9) digital photos
- Emergency Room Ok to Book Form (1)
- Contents Noted ______________________________

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: November 29, 2003

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO: 403-15623-2826-057

FROM: PAUL E. DRAKE, LIEUTENANT
COMPTON STATION

TO: ERIC K. HAMILTON, CAPTAIN
COMPTON STATION

SUBJECT: **WATCH COMMANDER'S REVIEW**

P.T.D. Notification: Required per force policy............ Yes [X] No [ ]
If yes, who notified: Lt. Jennings, 11-02-2003, 00:45 hrs.

Policy:

A. In my opinion, this matter requires policy review?..... Yes [ ] No [X]

B. In my opinion, Departmental Policies and Procedures were followed?...Yes [X] No [ ]

Comments:
Based on my review, the force used to overcome the suspect's combative assault upon the deputies was reasonable and within Departmental Policy.

This incident involved a short pursuit in which the suspect rammed patrol cars in an attempt to escape. The suspect ran head-on into a disabled radio car and then attempted to reverse and hit it again. Deputy Gonzales reached into the car in an attempted to disable it by taking the keys. The suspect struck Deputy Gonzales in the face causing him to fall back.

The suspect continued his combative behavior and had to be forcibly removed from the vehicle.

Findings/Recommendation:

Is further investigation necessary?.................................Yes [ ] No [X]

Conclusion:

Based on the above, I feel that the actions taken by deputies were warranted and within Departmental guidelines. The force used in this situation was objectively justified give the potentially deadly actions of the suspect. The suspect was ultimately subdued and arrested. No deputies were seriously injured as a result of the suspect's assaultive actions toward them.